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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - JUNE 6

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE  
EXCE;;TS "ROM DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING FOR JUNE 6, 1978.  
FYI ONLY, S,OKESMAN TODAY WAS HODDING CARTER III.

Q. SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN WILL BE PRESENT IN BRUSSELS  
MEETING.

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Q. WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO TELL US WHAT CONNECTION, IF  
ANY, THERE IS BETWEEN THAT FACT AND WHO IS GOING TO  
UNDERTAKE THE FINANCIAL BACKING OF THE AFRICAN FORCE  
IN ZAIRE? WHAT SORT OF PROPORTION? WHY WILL IRAN  
AND SAUDI ARABIA BE THERE?

A. BECAUSE THEY ALREADY HAVE A FINANCIAL STAKE IN  
ZAIRE WHICH PREDATES SHABA TWO.

Q. FROM YOUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THEM, YOUR TALKING  
WITH THEM?

A. NO. IT PRE-EXISTS ANY QUESTION OF THE SECURITY  
ASPECT. THIS HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE FINANCIAL  
ASPECT.

Q. COULD YOU DEFINE WHAT THE IRANIAN AND SAUDI  
FINANCIAL STAKES ARE IN ZAIRE?

A. TO THE DEGREE THAT A UNITED STATES SPOKESMAN CAN  
TELL YOU WHAT ANOTHER COUNTRY'S FINANCIAL STAKE IS  
IN ANOTHER THIRD COUNTRY, I WILL SEE WHAT I CAN DO.

Q. HAVE YOU BEEN INFORMED BY THE ISRAELIS THAT THEY WANT TO KEEP THEIR MILITARY FORCES IN SOUTH LEBANON FOR STRATEGIC RESPONSE.

A. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO TAKE THE ACTION THAT THESE PRESS REPORTS SUGGEST. FOR OUR OWN PART, WE WOULD NOTE THE ISRAELI CABINET DECISION OF MAY 21ST TO WITHDRAW COMPLETELY FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON BY JUNE 13TH. THAT DECISION, TO BE CARRIED OUT IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE UN SECURITY RESOLUTION 425, DID NOT CONTAIN ANY CONDITIONS FOR THAT WITHDRAWAL.

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TO REPEAT MY FIRST ANSWER, WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IN FACT INTENDS TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS WAS REPORTED.

Q. THE EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, IN AN INTERVIEW, FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY, SAID THAT THERE WAS NO DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE UNITED STATES AS TO THE ILLEGALITY OF ISRAEL'S EXPLORATION OF EGYPTIAN OIL IN SINAI AND IN EGYPT'S TERRITORIAL WATERS. CAN YOU COMMENT ON THAT?

A. NO, I DON'T HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THAT.

Q. CAN YOU TAKE THE QUESTION WHETHER THERE IS NO DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE UNITED STATES IN THAT?

A. I KNOW WE HAVE A PRECISE FORMULATION ON THAT, AND THAT IS THE ONLY THING I HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF 18 MONTHS OR 17 MONTHS ON THE JOB. I WILL GIVE YOU THE PRECISE INFORMATION. VANCE

NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHED ALGIERS.

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